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 DATE: 13 August 1962

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TO: GUATEMALA JWAVE  
 FROM: DIRECTOR  
 CONF: **FW 10**  
 INFO: DDP, CI/OPS, WH 7, S/C 2

TO: GUAT INFO: WAVE  
 REFS: GUAT 2406\*  
 WAVE 6830\*\*

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1. MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WER BELL, BORN 1918, SERVED IN OSS DURING WORLD WAR II, HAD OWN ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS IN ATLANTA, GA. WENT BANKRUPT IN 1959. HE TRAVELED TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 1959 AND BECAME INVOLVED WITH ANTI-CASTRO PLOTTERS. WAS GRANTED POA 4 AUGUST 1959 TO FURNISH INFO ON REVOLUTIONARY MATTERS IN CARIBBEAN AREA. HIS INTELLIGENCE WAS OF LITTLE VALUE AND HIS KUBARK SERVICE TERMINATED OCTOBER 1959. WAS ASSESSED AS WHEELER AND DEALER, AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED HAVE KUBARK FINANCE HIS TRAVELS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HE REPORTED IN JULY 1959 THAT AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN NAMED JONES, FNU, WHO HAD BUSINESS IN EUROPE AND WAS IN MIAMI BUYING REAL ESTATE, HAD MENTIONED TO HIM THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SERVICES OF 1000 EXPERIENCED GERMAN COMBAT TROOPS AT RATE OF \$100 PER DAY PER MAN FOR ANTI-CASTRO EFFORTS. NO INFO ON WER BELL SINCE OCTOBER 1959.

2. ODENVY REPORTED IN JUNE 1960 ONE ARTHUR L. SMITH WAS MEMBER OF JONES AND HANDY MARINE ARCHITECT FIRM, MIAMI, FLA.

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SMITH HAS TRAVELED TO CUBA SEVERAL TIMES SINCE JANUARY 1959,  
LAST TIME IN MARCH 1960. FIRM WAS CONDUCTING SURVEYS IN ORIENTE  
PROVINCE FOR PURPOSE CONSTRUCTING STEEL MILL. HOWEVER PLANS HAVE  
BEEN ABANDONED. NO INFO ON SMITH SINCE MARCH 1961.

3. MAJOR MANUEL PINEIRO LOSADA IS ASSISTANT CHIEF CUBAN G-2  
AND WELL KNOWN MEMBER CASTRO'S ENTOURAGE. HIGHLY UNLIKELY HE WOULD  
~~ALMOST EQUALLY UNLIKELY WOULD GO~~  
TRAVEL OPENLY TO GUAT AND ~~HE WOULD GO THERE BLACK~~. HQS CANNOT  
IDENTIFY ANY EXILE NAMED PINEIRO WHO MAY BE TRAVELLING GUAT.

4. PLEASE ATTEMPT MONITOR ACTIVITIES OF WER BELL, SMITH,  
AND PINEIRO.

END OF MESSAGE

TFW Comments: \*Requested traces on Arthur L. Smith, Mitchell  
Wer Bell, and Colonel Pineiro.

\*\*WAVE traces on Smith, Wer Bell, and Pineiro.

C/S COMMENT: \*(IN 42612)  
\*\*(IN 43530).

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